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**ARTICLE 33. JUVENILE LAW: REPORTING AND
INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

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Chapter 1. General Provisions

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Purpose of article

Sec. 1. The purpose of this article is to:

- (1) encourage effective reporting of suspected or known incidents of child abuse or neglect;
- (2) provide effective child services to quickly investigate reports of child abuse or neglect;
- (3) provide protection for an abused or a neglected child from further abuse or neglect;
- (4) provide rehabilitative services for an abused or a neglected child and the child's parent, guardian, or custodian; and
- (5) establish a centralized statewide child abuse registry and an automated child protection system.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.234-2005, SEC.94.